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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 11, 14-23, 25-29 and 31 are pending in the instant case. Claims 1, 15-22 and 29 have been amended in the current case. Claim 14 has been canceled. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 11, 15-23, 25-29 and 31 will be pending.

Claims 11, 14-22 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Each of the claims has been amended so that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based upon the amendments to the claims are respectfully requested.

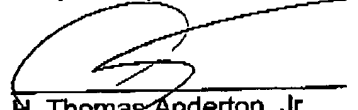
Claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 23, 25-27 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hatfield et al. Claims 1-6, 23-28 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatfield et al. in view of Blattner et al. Based upon the amendments to the claims, these rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicants have canceled claim 14 and amended the remaining claims to recite the limitations previously set forth in claim 14. None of the references, alone or together, disclose the instant limitation and so do not anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

All grounds of rejection and objection of the Office Action of February 9, 2005, having been addressed, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 846-7544.

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